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SUBJECT: TEHACHAPI RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT (NO. A.07-06-031)

To Whom It May Concern:

As the City of Ontario and the State of California continue to grow, we recognize the need for additional sources of energy to supply our residents. In the age of "going green," utilizing renewable sources of energy will allow SCE to meet the growing demand for power and be environmentally sensitive in the process. The Tehachapi Project will go a long way in accomplishing both goals.

The City of Ontario has reviewed the information contained in SCE's application with the Public Utilities Commission and SCE's fact sheet on the Tehachapi Project (dated March 2007). Based on that information, the City offers the following comments for the SCE project:

1. The fact sheet indicates that two tower types are available for the 500 kV lines, a skeletal design and a tubular steel pole design. Given that the area proposed for the improvements is planned for residential development, tower aesthetics are extremely important. As a result, the City of Ontario requests the tubular steel pole design be used for any new towers constructed as part of this project.
2. While not identified in the fact sheet, the City of Ontario requests a similar tubular steel pole design be used for the new 220 kV towers being constructed as part of the project.
3. The current proposal calls for both 500 and 220 kV lines adjacent to existing development west of Haven Avenue, south of Chino Avenue. The placement of both lines in this area requires an additional 150-foot wide easement be obtained. This location impacts existing entitled projects and proposed developments (see attached exhibits). City staff had met previously with SCE representatives about the potential to realigning the 500kV and

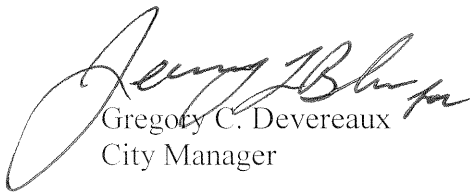
220kV lines. The City was informed by SCE that the layout of the existing substation would prevent the realignment of the transmission lines as requested. As a result, the City requested that SCE consider reducing the easement width to minimize impacts to entitled and proposed projects. SCE indicated that they will explore a reduction in the easement width. To date, a response has not been received. Given the comment period time constraints, the City is requesting the PUC consider a reduction in the easement width from 150 to 100 feet as part of the application.

4. The City is aware that other cities are considering alternative routes for the transmission lines serving the Tehachapi Project. The City of Ontario requests notification of any changes or alternatives to the proposed routing at the earliest possible opportunity so that a proper analysis of potential impacts to Ontario can be conducted.
5. The City has heard there is a method whereby the noise associated with transmission lines may be reduced. The City requests that, if available, this method be applied to the proposed facilities adjacent to planned residential areas.
6. The City has adopted a transportation implementation plan for the New Model Colony that identifies the location and width of streets. The City requests that SCE coordinate tower locations with the City outside of planned street rights of way to avoid relocation of towers at some future date.

As mentioned previously, the City has met with SCE representatives to discuss the project. SCE has been open to suggestions made by the City but the timing of the PUC submittal resulted in insufficient time to finalize all the details. The City views the PUC process as the opportunity to finalize these plans to the benefit of both the City of Ontario and SCE.

If the City can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact Jerry Blum, Planning Director, at (909) 395-2199 or jblum@ci.ontario.ca.us.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Tentative Tract Map 17752
Tentative Tract Map 18027

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